

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy, Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Brian Knipstein, Chief Art Reed, Robert Sanderson, Wolfe Tone and Brian Hart.

Brian Knipstein received a copy of the salt shed easement draft and will review it this week.

Brian informed the Selectmen of the following:

- Tree cutting has taken place along the town road sides.
- The Route 85 Bridge should be open to through traffic at the end of October.
- Paving for several roads in town will begin this week.
- Brian will be meeting with the bridge construction crew to fix Railroad Ave. (paving only).
- Hot top prices are going up due to increase in petroleum prices.

Chief Reed informed the Board that the DWI and Speed Grants will be completed this week.

Robert Sanderson of Plodzik and Sanderson was in to discuss the 2004 audit report they completed for the town.

Mr. Sanderson went over reimbursements in regards to the budget with the Board and advised them to get a copy of guidelines from the Department of Revenue.

Mr. Sanderson recommended to the Board that a new accounting system be administered by someone other than the Town Treasurer. The Treasurer would still keep records for funds in and out.

GASB 34 was discussed. Mr. Sanderson explained that it is very hard to adopt for a small town. It was questioned why the town received an adverse opinion in the audit report. Mr. Sanderson explained that the auditors are mandated to give an adverse opinion to towns that have not adopted GASB 34.

Mr. Sanderson informed the Board that an official MDNA report would not be done for the March Town Meeting.

Wolfe Tone and Brian Hart were in to discuss the Piscassic Greenway proposed easement. The next review of the easement will be scheduled for September 20th and 27th.

The Board reviewed the DOT letter.

The Board discussed Map 202 lot 24.

The fall cleanup list was discussed. The Selectmen will review it this week.

Anne Kimball has requested information on the research the town gathered on the Grist Mill. James voiced his concerns on releasing the information.

James informed the Board that he was unable to contact Town Administrator Al Dixon but left a message for a return call.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of September 30, 2005, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:50pm and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Gerkin
Selectman